

Enclosed is a listing of countermeasures which could be used by the United States and its Allies, or in some cases by the United States alone, in direct response to Soviet or GDR measures of interference with Allied access to Berlin.

In preparing the list, the Group agreed on the following general considerations:

a. Relation of Countermeasures to original harassing measures.

It was not found feasible to equate specific countermeasures to any one Soviet or DDR action; the range of countermeasures available to the U.S. and its allies will not permit this if general symmetry of harassment and countermeasure is to be observed. Rather it was believed that the choice of countermeasures should be made from among those of the desired severity, with as much relation in kind as possible.

b. Allied Cooperation and Coordination.

It would be most desirable to secure advance Allied agreement in principle to joint application of the more useful of the countermeasures listed and to lay the necessary groundwork for immediate application, in event of need, of those countermeasures on which agreement had been reached.

c. Economic countermeasures.

Economic countermeasures were viewed as not directly related to possible Soviet or GDR harassment measures and were not listed. Should economic countermeasures, however, be found desirable, there would be a relatively wide range of choice.

d. U.S. preparations.

Agencies concerned should be instructed to carry out advance planning for those countermeasures which are likely to be called for if countermeasures are needed.

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